

# East Georgia State College Faculty Senate

## Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2015

3:35 p.m., Statesboro Campus, Room 191

Type of meeting: Regular meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Dr. Walt Mason, President

- I. Call to order (3:46 p.m.)
- II. Roll call/Attendance: Dr. Walt Mason, Dr. Lena White, Mr. Lindy Blount, Dr. John Blackburn, Dr. Reid Derr, Mr. Bob Marsh, Dr. Breana Simmons, and Ms. Jessica Todd.
- III. Visitor – Dr. Bob Boehmer
- IV. Approval of June 12, 2015 minutes: There was a call for approval of the June 12, 2015 minutes; the minutes were approved.
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Class size committee –Dr. Lena White reported on the issue of class size. It was noted that the Deans of the Schools are in charge of making decisions regarding increasing class size. Professors have the option of allowing students an override into their courses; however, no overrides should be given until all courses are full. A question was raised in regard to Deans adding or capping classes. For instance, when should a Dean add another course instead of increasing the class size of existing courses? The answer to this question was that Deans have the discretion to create another course or add to existing courses based on the budget (i.e. paying for overloads).
- VI. Unfinished Business: Dr. Reid Derr will give his report on the Bylaws at the Sept. meeting.
- VII. Open Issues: None
- VIII. New Business
  1. Proposal for creation of a Standing Committee on Critical Thinking: There was a motion to make a Standing Committee on Critical Thinking a part of the responsibilities of the Faculty Senate. This motion was withdrawn once there was a motion to discuss the proposal for a Standing Committee on Critical Thinking. Dr. Derr suggested that the Standing Committee on Critical Thinking should fall under the purview of the Cabinet since Critical Thinking is part of the QEP and SACSCOC. There was a motion to send this Standing Committee back to the Cabinet for its adoption; this motion was approved.

2. EGSC Statutes changes: The discussion of the EGSC Statues changes was tabled until the September meeting due to insufficient time to review the policies before this meeting took place.
3. Dates/times for next meetings: It was decided that the Faculty Senate would meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 1 pm (unless otherwise indicated).
  - a. Sept 18 @ 1 pm in Swainsboro, Location TBA
  - b. Oct 16 @ 1 pm in Statesboro, Location TBA
  - c. Nov 20 @ 1 pm in Statesboro, Location TBA
  - d. Dec 11 in Swainsboro Time/Location TBA

IX. Additional business

- a. Dr. Blackburn discussed the way in which voting for the At-Large Faculty Senator would be conducted; he asked that faculty check their emails for instructions regarding how to vote.
- b. Dr. White inquired about the increase of salary based on position at the college (i.e. the raise from the position of instructor to assistant professor, etc...); Dr. White wanted clarification and transparency regarding promotion. Dr. Boehmer stated that there is a document online on the President's page that contains this information, and that he will send it to the Faculty Senate.

X. Adjournment (There was a motion to adjourn; it was approved. 4:14 pm)